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**Grammy Winner Lucinda Williams Coming to Cal Poly**

Right on the heels of her recent Grammy Award for "Best Female Rock Vocal Performance," alt-country and rock singer/ songwriter Lucinda Williams comes to the Christopher Cohan Center on Tuesday, April 23, 2002 at 8 p.m.

Cal Poly Arts and K-OTTER FM 94.9 are pleased to present Ms. Williams, who Time magazine named "Best Songwriter" and VH1 has included in their list of the Top 100 Women in Rock.

Her childhood travels took her from Fayetteville, Arkansas to Santiago, Chile and everywhere in between and her itinerant nature can be found in her music as she draws from a diverse array of artists who influenced her. "I loved Loretta Lynn and Hank Williams, but also Bob Dylan and the Doors and Jimi Hendrix," Ms. Williams says. "I don't see anything wrong with loving all kinds of music."

Ms. Williams' breakthrough release, "Lucinda Williams," featured some of her best-known classics, including "Passionate Kisses," which won her a songwriting Grammy in 1994.

"Car Wheels on a Gravel Road" (1998) led to her second Grammy, gold certification, and being placed on countless critics' Top Ten lists. Her latest release, "Essence," is said to offer "something for everyone" and runs the gambit from yearning desires to religious euphoria and contains her current Grammy-winning hit, "Get Right With God."

"I'm proud of this record," Ms. Williams says. "I'm proud of these lyrics and this music. It's a bit of a departure for me, and it's a very mature sound."

Tickets for the performance, on sale as of Saturday, March 9, are \$32 and \$38 and may be purchased at Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/SLO-ARTS (756-2787); to order by fax: (805) 756-6088.

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